

Iowa Natural Resources  
Conservation Services

# Iowa Systems Approach to Conservation Drainage



Conservation practices to reduce  
nutrient loss and improve water quality

## What is RCPP?

The Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) promotes coordination of NRCS conservation activities with partners that offer value-added contributions to expand our collective ability to address on-farm, watershed, and regional natural resource concerns. Through RCPP, NRCS seeks to co-invest with partners to implement projects that demonstrate innovative solutions to conservation challenges and provide measurable improvements and outcomes tied to the resource concerns they seek to address.

## Partnership

The Iowa Systems Approach to Conservation Drainage (ISACD) project will demonstrate a systems approach to improved farm profitability and sustainability in the Des Moines Lobe and Iowan Surface landforms. ISACD will substantially improve water quality, protect source water, reduce flood risk, and improve wildlife habitat and recreational opportunities while improving nutrient management and reducing nitrogen and phosphorus losses from non-point runoff.

## Eligible Practices

The project establishes an approach for private sector conservation planning support for practices such as:

- Constructed Wetland
- Cover Crop
- Drainage Water Management
- Drainage Water Management Plan (CAP)
- Denitrifying Bioreactor
- Grassed Waterway
- Residue and Tillage Management, No Till
- Saturated Buffer
- Wetland Restoration (oxbow only)

## More Information

For more information about RCPP or other conservation planning and financial assistance opportunities, contact your local NRCS office.

Find your local service center at  
<https://bit.ly/39aADFI>

## Funding:

**Duration:**  
Five years (2021-2026)

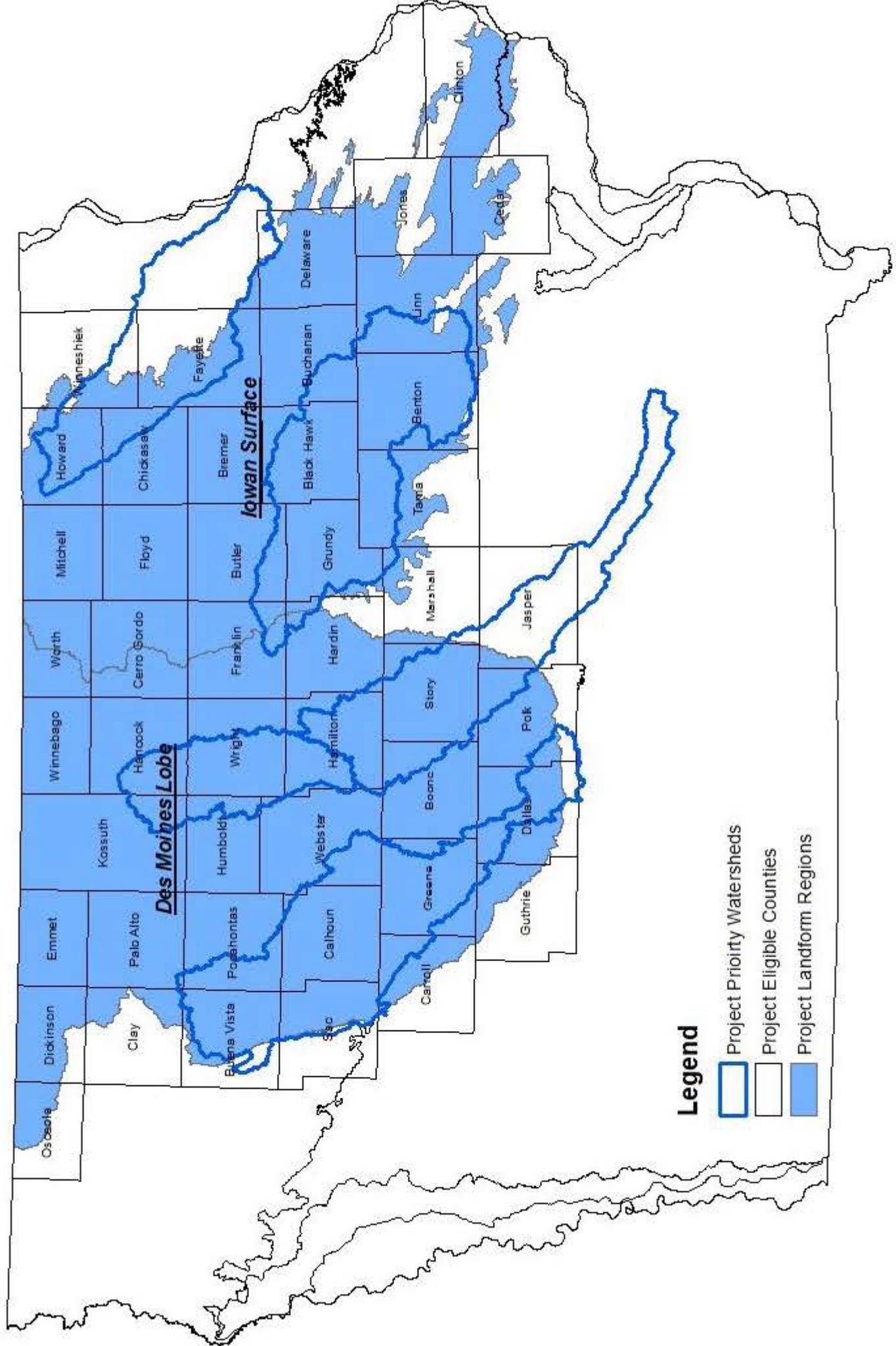
**Federal Funds:**  
Financial Assistance \$8,247,900  
Technical Assistance \$1,752,100

**Partner Contributions:**  
\$22,537,912

## Portions of the following Counties:

Benton, Black Hawk, Boone, Bremer, Buchanan, Buena Vista, Butler, Calhoun, Carroll, Cedar, Cerro Gordo, Chickasaw, Clay, Clinton, Dallas, Delaware, Dickinson, Emmet, Fayette, Floyd, Franklin, Greene, Grundy, Guthrie, Hamilton, Hancock, Hardin, Howard, Humboldt, Jasper, Jones, Kossuth, Linn, Marshall, Mitchell, Osceola, Palo Alto, Pocahontas, Polk, Sac, Story, Tama, Webster, Winnebago, Winneshiek, Worth and Wright. See full map on back.

# Iowa Systems Approach to Conservation Drainage - RCPPP Project Map



## Legend

-  Project Priority Watersheds
-  Project Eligible Counties
-  Project Landform Regions